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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - REGIONAL AFFAIRS

TO; EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM; EA/RA - ROBERT J. MARTENS

1. FY 78 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION (LOU)

THE SENATE COMPLETED ACTION ON THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE
APPROPRIATIONS BILL ON AUGUST 5 JUST PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT
(DETAILS IN EARLIER EA MEMORANDUM AND IN EP'S STATUS
REPORT). ON THE SECURITY ASSISTANCE SIDE, THE SENATE
BILL DID NOT STIPULATE FIGURES FOR EA COUNTRIES, THUS IN
EFFECT APPROVING THE REQUESTED FUNDING. THE CONFERENCE
WILL HAVE TO DECIDE WHETHER TO LET THE HOUSE APPROVED
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CUT FOR MAP (TO \$16.6 MILLION), FMS (17 MILLION) AND IMET
(\$600,000) STAND OR TO REVERT TO THE REQUESTED AMOUNTS.

2. COUNTRY HUMAN RIGHTS EVALUATION PLANS (CEPS) (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED FOR REVIEW THE MAJORITY OF THE EA

CEPS. MOST OF THEM HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE FRONT OFFICE AND THE MAJORITY FORWARDED TO D/HA, S/P AND RELEVANT EMBASSIES FOR COMMENT. STILL TO COME TO US ARE THE CEPS FOR NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, MONGOLIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE CEP FOR SOUTH KOREA HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL BE PASSED TO US SHORTLY. THAT FOR MONGOLIA IS BEING DRAFTED. PREPARATION OF THE CEP ON NORTH KOREA IS AWAITING RESOLUTION OF A CLEARANCE PROBLEM. THE POSTS HAVE PROVIDED A NUMBER OF USEFUL COMMENTS. FINAL CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THESE CONCURRENTLY WITH CONSIDERATION TO THE COMMENTS WE EXPECT EVENTUALLY TO RECEIVE FROM S/P AND/OR D/HA.

3. UN NOTES

SYG'S VISIT TO CHINA (CONFIDENTIAL). USLO HAS HEARD THAT WALDHEIM'S RECENT THREE DAY VISIT TO PEKING WAS BASICALLY A COURTESY CALL. THE SYG'S PROGRAM INCLUDED A SERIES OF TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA, A BANQUET IN WALDHEIM'S GIVEN BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND A CALL ON PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG. THE MEETING WITH HUA APPARENTLY HAD LITTLE SUBSTANCE. THE TALKS WITH HUANG DEALT WITH MOST ISSUES BEFORE THE UN BUT THE FOREIGN MINISTER REPORTEDLY DID NOT STRAY FROM WELL-KNOWN PRC POSITIONS.

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COMMITTEE OF 24 ON TIMOR (UNCLASSIFIED). AFTER HEARING SPEECHES BY INDONESIA, PORTUGAL AND FRETELIN, THE COMMITTEE OF 24 DECIDED TO DEFER FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF EAST TIMOR UNTIL NEXT YEAR, SUBJECT TO ANY NEW DECISION THE GA MIGHT TAKE ON THE MATTER THIS FALL.

SLATES FOR PRINCIPAL GA OFFICES (CONFIDENTIAL). ACCORDING TO RECENT WORD FROM USUN, CANDIDATES FROM EA COUNTRIES FOR THE PRINCIPAL POSITIONS IN THE 32ND GA ARE MUCH AS REPORTED EARLIER. INDONESIA AND FIJI (AND CHINA, ALONG WITH THE OTHER SC PERMANENT MEMBERS) ARE CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENCIES (17 ARE TO BE CHOSEN). AND THE PHILIPPINES WANTS TO CHAIR THE GA'S SOCIAL COMMITTEE (COMMITTEE OF 3) THE POSSIBILITY OF A MONGOLIAN CANDIDACY FOR COMMITTEE OF 3 APPEARS TO HAVE FALLEN BY THE WAYSIDE. AS FAR AS WE KNOW NONE OF THE EA CANDIDATES HAS YET BEEN GIVEN REGIONAL SUPPORT, A MUST IN SUCH ELECTIONS.

THE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMEN OF THE SEVEN MAIN COMMITTEES OF THE GA, TOGETHER WITH THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT (SLATED THIS YEAR TO BE A YUGOSLAV) COMPRISE THE GENERAL

(STEERING) COMMITTEE OF THE ASSEMBLY - ONE OF WHOSE
FUNCTIONS IS TO DETERMINE THE AGENDA OF THE SESSION.

THAI NOTE ON THAI-CAMBODIAN INCIDENTS (UNCLASSIFIED).
THE THAI HAVE SENT A NOTE TO THE SYG CONCERNING
THE ATTACKS ON TWO THAI VILLEGES "SITUATED WELL INSIDE
THAI TERRITORY" AND HAVE ASKED THAT IT BE CIRCULATED TO
ALL UN MEMBER STATES.

SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA UNLIKELY (CONFIDENTIAL). USUN
HAS RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT THE AFRICAN GROUP HAS
POSTPONED CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL GA ON NAMIBIA AT
LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE 32ND SESSION.

4. HIGH LEVEL AFL-CIO DELEGATION TO VISIT ROC
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THE AFL-CIO VISIT TO TAIPEI WE REPORTED IN THE JULY 20
STATUS REPORT IS STILL ON AS SCHEDULED, LESS THOMAS
GLEASON OF THE LONGSHOREMEN'S UNION (DUE TO A THREATENED
DOCK STRIKE). CHRISTOPHER

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